

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Cancelled)**
2. **(Currently amended)** The fastening device described in claim [[1]] 3, wherein said releasing member moves in the direction perpendicular to the insertion direction of the axial member, and said spring forces the releasing member to move in the direction perpendicular with respect to and away from the axial member.
3. **(Currently amended)** A fastening device, comprising:
 - a lock piece slidably disposed in a case and biased by a spring toward a fastening position wherein it is engage with an axial member in a case,
 - a releasing member connected with the lock piece by a pin and disposed in the case, said releasing member being configured for manual bias to move linearly toward the axial member and to displace the lock piece away from the fastening position, thereby releasing the lock piece from the axial member, wherein:
 - guide grooves that extend in the direction perpendicular to the insertion direction of the axial member, are formed on an outer surface of the case,
 - the releasing member has guide arms that slide in the guide grooves, and
 - the guide arms and the lock piece are are interconnected by the pin.
4. **(Cancelled)**
5. **(Cancelled)**
6. **(Cancelled)**
7. **(Cancelled)**